

THE LORD'S PRAYER
(February 25, 2018)
(John 17)
Small Group Study Notes

OPEN:

- 1) Has anyone memorized what folks often refer to as the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4)? Read it as a group.
- 2) Does praying out loud make you nervous or come easy to you? Do you and your spouse or family have a daily time of prayer? If, yes when does this most often occur?
- 3) Our focus of attention in this study is John 17. How does Jesus refer to God? What kind of relationship did you, do you have with your earthly father? Does this help or hinder you when relating to your heavenly Father?
- 4) What is eternal life? When does it begin? Explain briefly how Jesus made it possible for sinful people to have a relationship with the sinless God?
- 5) Jesus prayed for our security (vs. 6-12). Is it possible to lose your salvation (why or why not)? Can you defend your belief with any scripture?
- 6) Jesus prayed for our purity (vs. 13-19). Do you think the "church" (believers in Christ) have become too much like the world? Explain.
- 7) What are some spiritual practices you exercise that help you stay clean and close to God?
- 8) Jesus prayed for our unity (vs. 20-26). In an attempt to unify as churches, should we compromise and not worry about doctrinal integrity?
- 9) What kind of bickering and "infighting" do you see today in the typical church?
- 10) What do we mean by agreeing on the essentials of salvation and not arguing on non-essentials?

CLOSE:

- How is your prayer life?
- What would it take to make your prayer life better?
- What does knowing that Jesus prayed and currently intercedes on your behalf do for you?
- Are you secure in your salvation?
- What area of your life do you need to surrender to God if you are to live a life set apart unto Him?
- Are you at odds with a brother or sister in Christ and need to forgive them?